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SWISS MANUFACTURER PILATUS is not saying what sort of aircraft its secret PC-12 project involves, but there is speculation it will be a single-engine turboprop freighter designed to compete directly with the Cessna Caravan I. Pilatus has been working on the PC-12 for about three years and has discussed a cooperative arrangement with Australian Aerospace, its partner in the license production of PC-9 trainers for the Royal Australian Air Force.

CESSNA CHAIRMAN Russ Meyer, who has consistently reaffirmed his desire to see the company resume production of piston-powered aircraft, told reporters at the Paris Air Show that if new product liability legislation is passed "we will announce our (return to the) manufacture of single-engined airplanes within 24 hours." The 172 and 182—with a variant of the 172 perhaps replacing the 152 as a basic trainer—and the 206 are seen as logical choices for new production.

GENERAL AVIATION is the "root, the core of aviation in this country," James B. Busey, FAA Administrator-designate testified last week. Saying he was "distressed" at the present state of the general aviation industry, Busey said general aviation operators, those "who have a love of flying, are the people we have to rely on for bringing in the new generation of flying. I will do whatever I can to keep those wheels turning." (See related story on Page 194.)

SEN. JOHN McCAIN (R-Ariz.), in introducing Busey at Senate confirmation hearings last week, drew a big laugh when he noted that Busey was his commanding officer in Vietnam, the man who decided which pilots would fly a particular mission. "He sent me off to die," McCain said, "and I'm sure when he's done with this tour of duty, he'll believe I have gotten even."

NEW FIRM PLANS TO BUY GRUMMAN-AMERICAN AIRCRAFT LINE THIS MONTH

A new company, based in Greenville, Miss. and headed by an Atlanta investment banker and a cadre of former Cessna Aircraft employes, plans to buy the production and marketing rights for four Grumman-American light aircraft models from Gulfstream Aerospace this month and hopes to begin delivering limited quantities of new aircraft late next year.

Leonard H. Seawell, chairman of American General Aircraft Co., said his company signed a definitive agreement this month following five months of negotiations with Gulfstream. Purchase agreement and closing is scheduled for June 30. AGAC is buying the rights, including type certificates, for the single engine AA-1 Lynx, the AA-5/A Cheetah and AA-5/B Tiger models and the G-47 Cougar light twin. Seawell told BA the company has signed a 45-year lease with the city of Greenville for a 253-acre parcel of land at the airport where assembly operations will be located. The site includes more than 400,000-square feet of covered space in 23 buildings, a complex that had been used by Boeing when it was performing a contract to re-wing A-6 aircraft for the Navy.

Seawell said initially the Greenville facility will be primarily an assembly operation, utilizing parts manufactured by vendors and subcontractors, plus a large supply of finished parts that Gulfstream had in storage. He said the company plans to begin delivering aircraft by the end of 1990, but he emphasized the company will focus on quality instead of quantity. "We're going to start very, very slowly and carefully," Seawell said and will probably produce no more than 20 finished aircraft during

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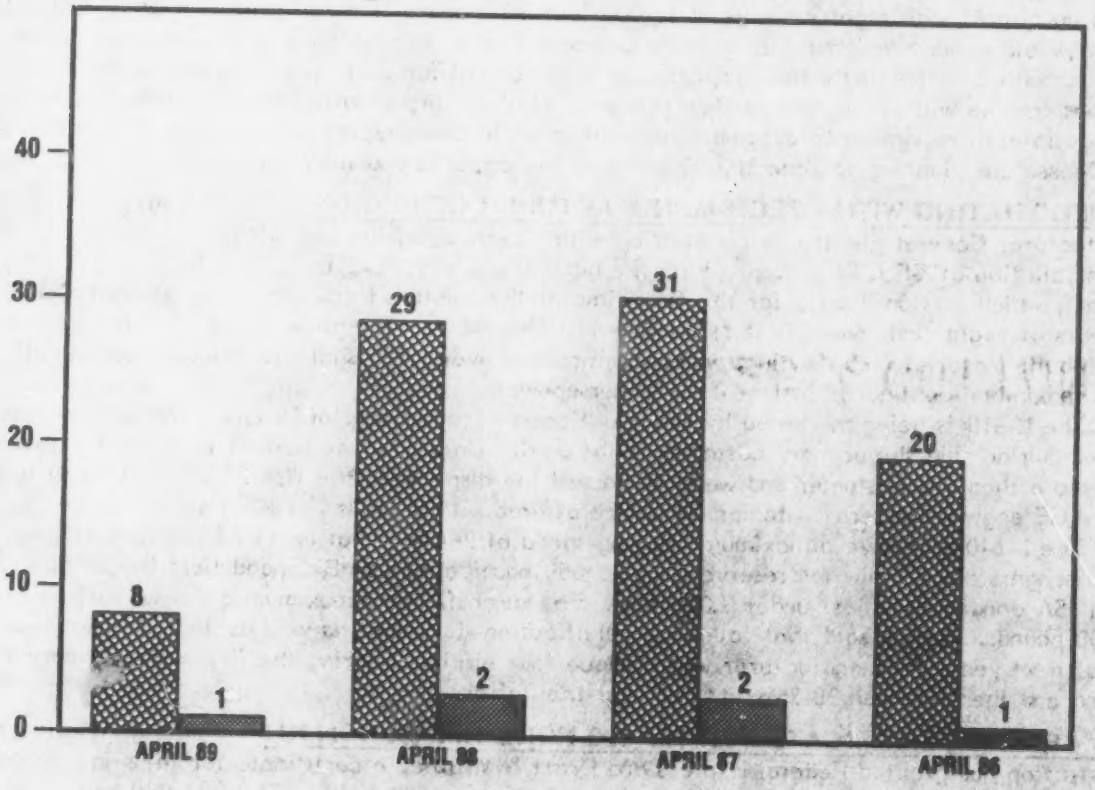
USED RETAIL TURBOPROP DELIVERIES - OUTSIDE NORTH AMERICA



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MEDIUM

Turbo Commander (All Models)
Beech 90 King Air (All Models)
Beech 100 King Air (All Models)
Beech 200 King Air (All Models)
Beech 300 King Air (All Models)
Cessna 400 SRS Conversions
Cessna 425/441/404/435
Mitsubishi MU2 (All Models)
PA31T/PA42 Cheyenne (All Models)
Swearingen Merlin/Metro (All Models)

HEAVY

G159 Gulfstream 1
All Airliner Type Turboprops
Such as F-27 Friendship and similar type aircraft

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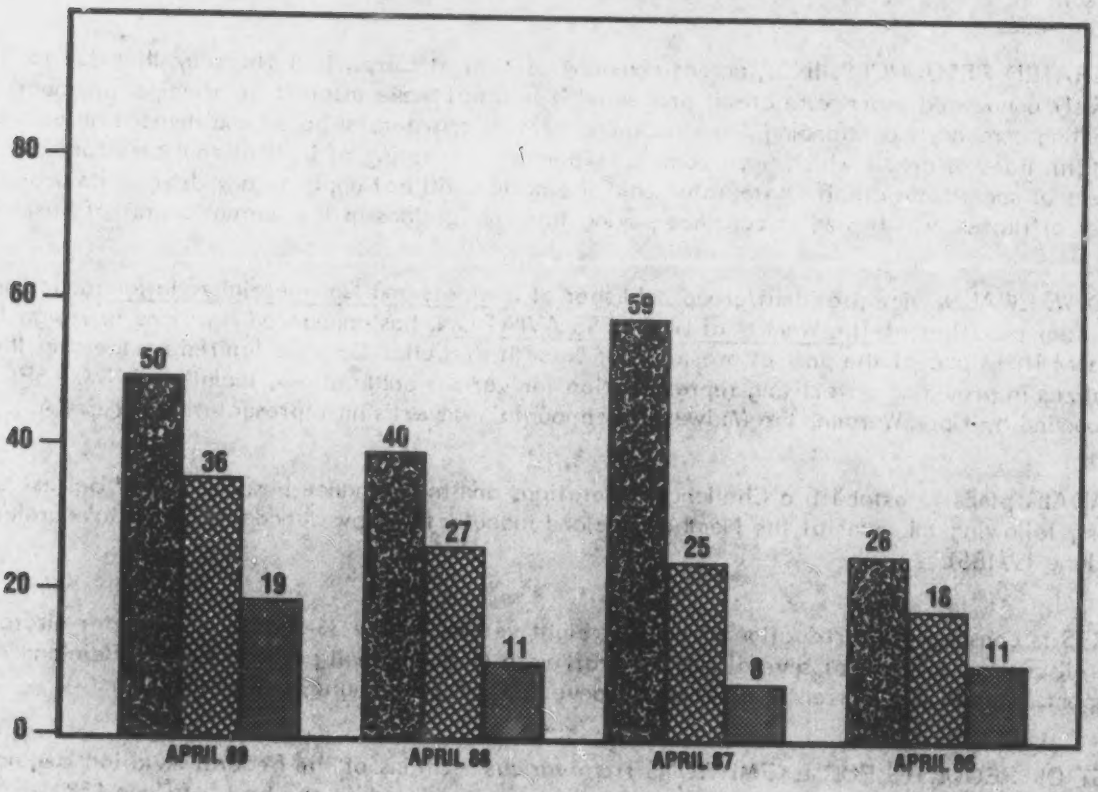
USED RETAIL JET DELIVERIES - NORTH AMERICA



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LIGHT

SNB01 Corvette
Beechjet 400
Citation 1 + 2
Falcon 10 + 100
I.A.I. 1121 A/MC Commodore Jet
Lear Jet 23/24/25/28/28/35/36
MU300 Diamond 1/1A/2
ME750 Parte Jet

MEDIUM

Citation 3
Falcon 20/200
BAE 125 (All Models)
I.A.I. 1123/1124/1124A Westwind
I.A.I. 1125 Astra
Lear Jet 55/55ER/55LR/55CLR/55C
Sabertiner (All Models)

HEAVY

CL600/601 Challenger
Falcon 50/900
G1159 Gulfstream 2/2B/3/4
Lockheed Jetstar (All Models)
All Airliner Type Jets
Such as Boeing 707 and similar type aircraft

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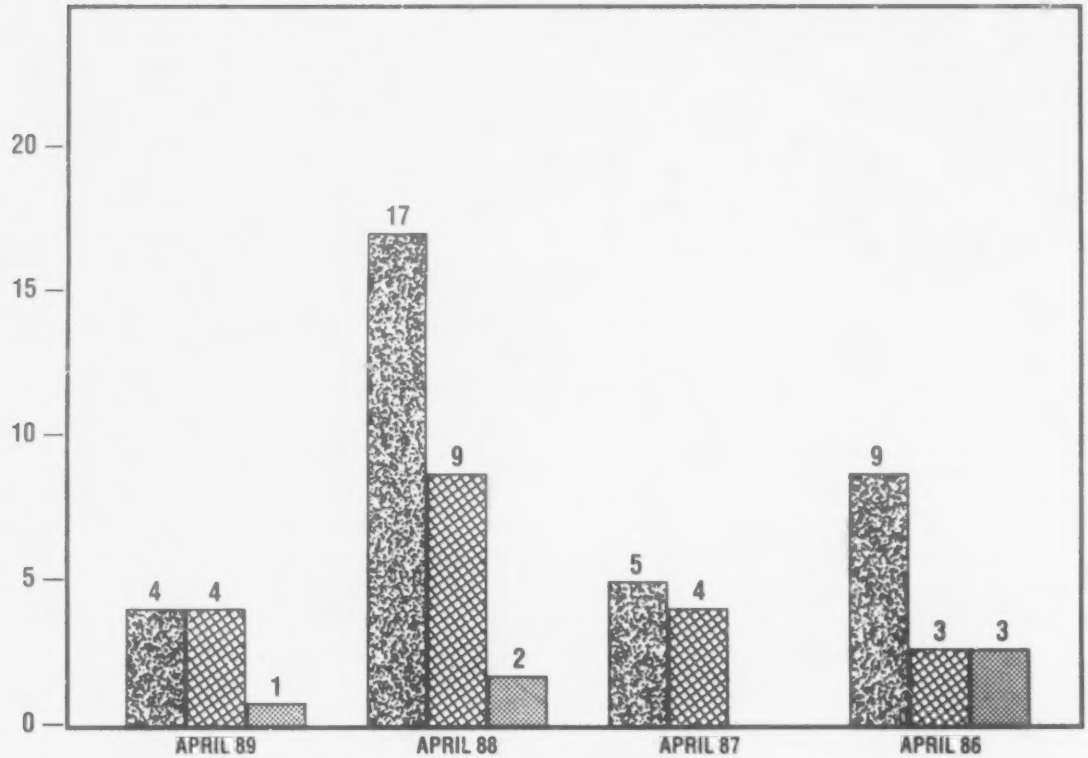

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LIGHT	MEDIUM	HEAVY
SN601 Corvette	Citation 3	CL600/601 Challenger
Beechjet 400	Falcon 20/200	Falcon 50/900
Citation 1 + 2	BAE 125 (All Models)	G1159 Gulfstream 2/2B/3/4
Falcon 10 + 100	I.A.I. 1123/1124/1124A Westwind	Lockheed Jetstar (All Models)
I.A.I. 1121 A/B/C Commodore Jet	I.A.I. 1125 Astra	All Airliner Type Jets
Lear Jet 23/24/25/28/29/35/36	Lear Jet 55/55ER/55LR/55XLR/55C	Such as Boeing 707 and similar type aircraft
MU300 Diamond 1/1A/2	Saberliner (All Models)	
MS760 Paris Jet		

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